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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING ZAIRIAN VISAS IN BANGUI, CAE

1. DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN BANGUI HAS MADE IT EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CAE TO OBTAIN ZAIRIAN VISAS. INITIALLY, THE CONSUL REFUSED ALL VISA REQUESTS SAYING NON-RESIDENT APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED VISAS FROM ZAIRE EMBASSY IN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE WHERE PROPER POLICE CHECKS COULD BE CARRIED OUT. HE CITED FEARS THAT MERCENARIES AND FUGITIVES WERE USING BANGUI TO OBTAIN VISAS TO AVOID POLICE SCRUTINY. THE ZAIRIAN CONSUL CITED HIS OWN IMMIGRATION LAW AND STATED OTHER ZAIRIAN EMBASSIES WOULD NOT USUALLY ISSUE VISAS TO NON-RESIDENTS.

2. EMBASSY HAS INTERCEDED ON BEHALF OF MANY AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO SEEK TO TRANSIT ZAIRE EN ROUTE TO EAST AFRICA. HOWEVER, ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IS NOW ASKING US TO "GUARANTEE THE TRANSIT" OF VISA APPLICANTS, WHICH IS MORE THAN WE CAN REALLY DO.

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3. UNLESS KINSHASA ADVISES OTHERWISE, SUGGEST ALL TRAVELERS WHO INTEND TO ENTER ZAIRE OVERLAND BE ADVISED TO OBTAIN ZAIRIAN VISA FROM COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO COPE WITH THE MOST URGENT CASES.

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